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Only a Democratic Trick.

Prominent Republicans of West Vir-

ginia, who have been in Washington

recently have felt it their duty to reply

to the accusations of the Democratic

press of this state who have charged

them with being antagonistic to Sena-

tor E. K. Clegg and the national adminis-

tration because they are supporting cer-

tain candidates for various offices in

this state.

These attempts on the part of the

Democratic press to create a split in the

ranks of the Republicans of West Vir-

ginia are utterly useless. There is a divi-

sion of sentiment and judgment in the

Republican party in regard to the sev-

eral candidates who have been men-

tioned for convention honors. There

could not be but where each man

has his particular friends, and who, as

friends should be, are loyal to his

cause; but when the convention has

decided between these gentlemen there

need be no alarm about "divisions" and

"factions."

If we judge the temper and disposi-

tion of the Republicans in West Vir-

ginia correctly, and we think we do,

they will present a solid front to the

foe in the coming campaign without

the flinching or trembling of an eye-lash.

If the Democratic press get a little

amusement out of their foolish fables of

disensions and factions and rings let

the soul of the true Republican be

not troubled. They are only yelling to

distract attention from their own unhappy

household.

A Billion Dollar Country.

That the United States is a billion

dollar country is justified by recent

reports of the government bureau hav-

ing in charge the compilation of the

statistics of our commerce and finances.

The year 1899 brought our foreign

commerce for the first time past the

two billion dollar line, and thus far

the month of February, 1900, shows our

money in circulation for the first time

as more than two billion dollars. Thus

by a curious coincidence the announce-

ment of two billions of money in cir-

culation are made within a single

month, the totals indicating that the

two billion dollar line had been crossed

## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Honeycomb Architecture—Honey-

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in cooling wax and resins it was

questioned whether the bees had not

been credited with a skill not really

theirs, and further experiments were

made. Melted wax was slowly cooled

in shallow trays, when hexagonal

cells of about the size of live-bee cells

were formed. When perfectly cold the

hexagons were indistinct or invisible,

but the planes were marked by a greater

density of the wax, and the experi-

menters traced the outlines with ver-

million and black lead, and then pho-

tographed them. On placing the wax

plate in a hive, the bees began ex-

travating in the center of the hexagons,

stopping when the denser walls were

reached. Portions of the wax were

then kneaded into a froth by the bees

and placed on the edges of the hexa-

gons, and other portions were put away

for future use. Rapidly cooled wax,

free from the crystalline structure,

were entirely changed up. It is con-

sidered that the newly formed wax is soft-

ened by the heat of the bees crowding

around it, and in its slow cooling forms

the hexagons, which are then hollowed

out by the bees, the honeycomb being

thus built under the architectural guid-

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interesting discovery is that paraffin

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different crystalline form from pure

beeswax—making this a test of possi-

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to be much like those of drunkenness.

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treated. The former are first roasted,

and it is necessary to powder all ores

and mix them with such proportion of

carbon, lime or silica as analysis may

show to be necessary for producing the

desired quality of metal, and then to

pour the powdered mixture into bricks

with five or ten per cent of pitch under

hydraulic pressure. The dried bricks

are fed into the heated furnace, the

treatment then lasting a little more

than half an hour in a test producing a

small ingot. The process is aided by

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## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

"Any woman is worth her weight in gold—so she thinks."

A man may shun other men, but he can't get away from himself.

An egotist is a man who thinks himself better than his neighbor.

A married man's idea of home comfort is a shirt that wasn't made at home.

A man can accomplish things at twenty that he would be ashamed to attempt at forty.

It doesn't cost anything to be polite, and it often pays enormous dividends.

A man has the same kind of respect for a bully that he has for a mule's heels.

A fool speaks without reflecting and a mirror reflects without speaking.

When a man sows a harvest of wild oats he invariably does the harvesting himself.

If people could only get rid of their imaginary troubles they would be fairly happy.

Seeing may be believing, but it is sometimes better to go blind and feel than to see and not believe.

A man never fully realizes the wonderful patience his wife has until he gets sick, and has to be waited upon.

Whenever the demand for kisses exceeds the supply a young man is always anxious to establish a balance of trade.

Faith, hope and charity are unquestionably the principal ingredients in the make-up of a man who lends his umbrella to a friend.—Chicago News.

## PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Friend—I read your magazine article on the campaign issues. The Statesman—Did you? I trust I did not make myself clear.—Puck.

The Bargain Case—"Oh, George, elephants have dropped in price from \$10,000 each to \$1,500." "Now, Clara, I warn you that if you buy one you needn't expect me to board it."—Indianapolis Journal.

The woman raised her hands hysterically. "I have crossed the rubicon!" The man, her husband, stood aghast. "The red-faced cook, you know?" faltered the woman in a faint tone.—Puck.

Sorry the "Day"—Jagles—"What did your friend mean when he said this country would have been better off if there hadn't been any negroes here?" "Waggles—I suppose he meant we wouldn't have had any coon songs."—Judge.

"Do you put much dependence on figures of speech?" "No, sir," answered Senator Sorghum, earnestly. "Anybody who wants to talk figures to me in an election has got to put 'em in writing, so he can't change his mind quite so easy."—Washington Star.

In Kentucky—"Colonel Castlerig will not be at his office to-day," said the assistant. "He is confined to his home." "That's too bad," replied the stranger.